



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105**

**Public Notice
Notice of the Availability of an Environmental Assessment and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for the
San Timoteo Creek Habitat Enhancement Project
Sonoma County, California
March 15, 2007**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received an application for financial assistance from the Cities of Loma Linda and Redlands to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat along a portion of San Timoteo Creek. The funds will be used for property acquisition and development and implementation of an enhancement plan. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the EPA is issuing an Environmental Assessment (EA) that evaluates the environmental consequences of the proposed action of acquiring and preserving and enhancing wildlife habitat along San Timoteo Creek. This notice announces the availability for public review and comment of both the US EPA EA for the project, and its accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Urbanization and stream channelization for flood control in the City of Loma Linda have resulted in the substantial loss of wildlife habitat in the lower reach of the San Timoteo Creek. This project provides the opportunity to enhance wildlife corridors between the Santa Ana River and Prado Basins on the west and the San Bernardino, San Geronio, and San Jacinto Mountains to the east. This enhancement project will also compliment other ongoing conservation efforts upstream on the San Timoteo Creek.

The US EPA's EA and unsigned FONSI are available on the EPA's website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/epa-generated.html>

You can also find a copy of the EA at the following locations:

Loma Linda Branch Library
25581 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354
(909) 796-8621
Hours: 12 – 8 on Mon., Tues.
10 – 8 on Weds., Thurs.
10 – 6 on Fri.
Closed on Sat.
1-5 on Sun.

A.K. Smiley Library
125 W. Vine Street
Redlands, CA 92373
(909) 798-7565
Hours: 9-9 on Mon., Tues.
9-7 on Weds., Thurs.
9-5 on Fri., Sat.
1-5 on Sun.

If you are unable to access the EA and FONSI on line or at the library and would like a copy sent to you, please telephone Mary Butterwick at (415) 972-3481, and leave your name and mailing address.

Comments on the EA and unsigned FONSI must be received at the EPA within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Comments can be sent via letter or fax to:

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If you have questions concerning this EA and unsigned FONSI or the review process, please contact Mary Butterwick at (415) 972-3481.